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a back plate;

a plurality of gas-filled plasma cells arranged between the front and back plates

and separated by partitioning walls; and

a plurality of electrodes on the front plate and the back plate for generating corona discharges,

wherein the front plate includes a glass plate on which a dielectric layer, a protective layer and a UV light reflecting layer are provided, the protective layer is between the dielectric layer and the UV light reflecting layer, wherein the UV light reflective layer covers only a portion of the protective layer.

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REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claim 1 has been amended and claim 7 has been canceled without prejudice.

Claims 1-6 are now in the application.

SUMMARY OF THE REJECTIONS:

(1) Claims 1, 2 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated from the article by Komaki (U.S. 5,703,437 hereafter "Komaki").

(2) Claims 3-6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Komake in view of Mitamura et al. (U.S. 6,149,967 hereafter "Mitamura").